

BALANCED

Developing a Plan

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Three laws of balance

- Reference point
- Constant correction
- Clear objective

Five things you can do with money

1. Spend
2. Repay debt
3. Pay taxes
4. Save
5. Give

⁷ Ever since the days of your ancestors, you have scorned my decrees and failed to obey them. Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?' ⁸ "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. ⁹ You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

Malachi 3:7-10 NLT

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money...

³¹ "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:24, 31-33 NLT

Re-prioritize our finances

1. Give
2. Save
3. Pay taxes
4. Repay debt
5. Spend

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.

Mark 12:43 NLT

Next Steps:

- Figure what percentage of my income I live on
- Commit to prioritize God with my finances by giving a set percentage of my income: ____%
- Commit to become financially balanced: _____
- _____